

HOLIDAY DEATH TOLL MAY PASS 300 MARK SOON

Nation Pays Price of July 4th Spree; Indiana Next to New Jersey.

By United Press
Indiana's Fourth of July celebration cost forty-one lives. It was the highest total reported by any state, with the exception of New Jersey, where forty-two lives were lost.

This afternoon 280 casualties throughout the nation had been reported by the United Press. The number of injured was well up in the thousands.

Like Major Disaster

Pennsylvania had fourteen deaths, Ohio, 18; Michigan, 12, and the Chicago district, 11.

The celebration assumed the proportions of a major disaster, similar to devastating floods and hurricanes, as reports continued to come in.

Auto accidents, drownings and fireworks explosions shared the blame. Dozens of the victims were little children, and in many cases it was bystanders rather than actual celebrants who paid the price.

Firecrackers tossed carelessly about took many innocent victims. Drunken drivers, foolish swimmers, neglectful parents, often were responsible.

Rocket Causes Panic

In Chicago, what had been heralded as the "sanest Fourth" ended tragically when a defective skyrocket plunged into a pile of fireworks at a supervised exhibition, setting fire to the entire stock, and causing panic among 1,000 spectators.

Twenty-five were burned, and many children were trampled.

But only one death from fireworks, that of a ten-year-old girl, was reported. Automobile accidents took ten lives.

Reports from other cities follow:

NEW YORK—Thirty-seven killed, of whom seventeen were drowned, nineteen died in traffic accidents, and one from fireworks injuries. More than 300 were injured by fireworks.

Accepting Dare Cost Life

PITTSBURGH—Ten killed, more than thirty injured. Four picnickers died when a train hit their auto, five drowned in summer camps, and one man jumped to death from a bridge because some one dared him.

WASHINGTON—Three killed in motor accidents, and twelve injured by fireworks. Gertrude Hall, 9, threw herself in front of an auto to save her 5-year-old brother. She died, but saved the boy. The driver, a Negro, was hurried to jail at Monrovia, Va., under heavy guard in fear of mob violence.

NEW ORLEANS—Six drowned and one killed in auto accident. Amos (Kid) Carlin, prize fighter, was among the dead.

BALTIMORE—Five killed and twenty-five seriously injured. A Roman candle burned a girl of 11 to death. A bicyclist was caught between two street cars. A salesman, who had tried to commit suicide on a previous July 4, succeeded this year. He dove three stories from a hotel window.

LOS ANGELES—Three killed, scores injured.

ST. LOUIS—Three killed and 353 injured.

Driver Falls Asleep

BETHLEHEM—Two killed when an auto driver went to sleep and his machine plunged into a tree.

DENVER—Four deaths were caused respectively by a torpedo in a man's pocket, a misdirected gun salute, an auto crash and the cement bottom of a swimming pool struck by a diver.

KANSAS CITY—Eleven deaths in Southwest, many of whom were children. Clyde Coats, auto racer, killed at Abilene, Texas, and two sisters drowned together at Muskogee, Okla.

LAWRENCE, MASS.—Two boys found an old revolver in some rubbish. Five minutes later Paul Leonardi, 12, had killed his 9-year-old brother, because he "didn't know it was loaded."

ALBANY—Three were killed, and twenty-one injured in holiday auto accidents. Forty residents of Champaigne received poinsettia poisoning on church picnic.

ATLANTA—One dead, one dying, fourteen injured.

ST. PAUL—Auto mishaps and drownings took seven lives. A boy of 9 fell from the bank of the Mississippi river and was carried over the falls.

Bus Hits Tree

BOSTON—Six auto crash deaths were reported here. Twenty-one were injured, four seriously, when a New York-to-Boston bus crashed into a tree.

BUFFALO—Thirteen lives were snuffed out by auto accidents, fires and drownings.

DETROIT—Twelve deaths in Michigan are reported. A 75-year-old Ossawa (Mich.) man literally was excited to death by his grandchildren who exploded fire crackers near his chair. His heart failed.

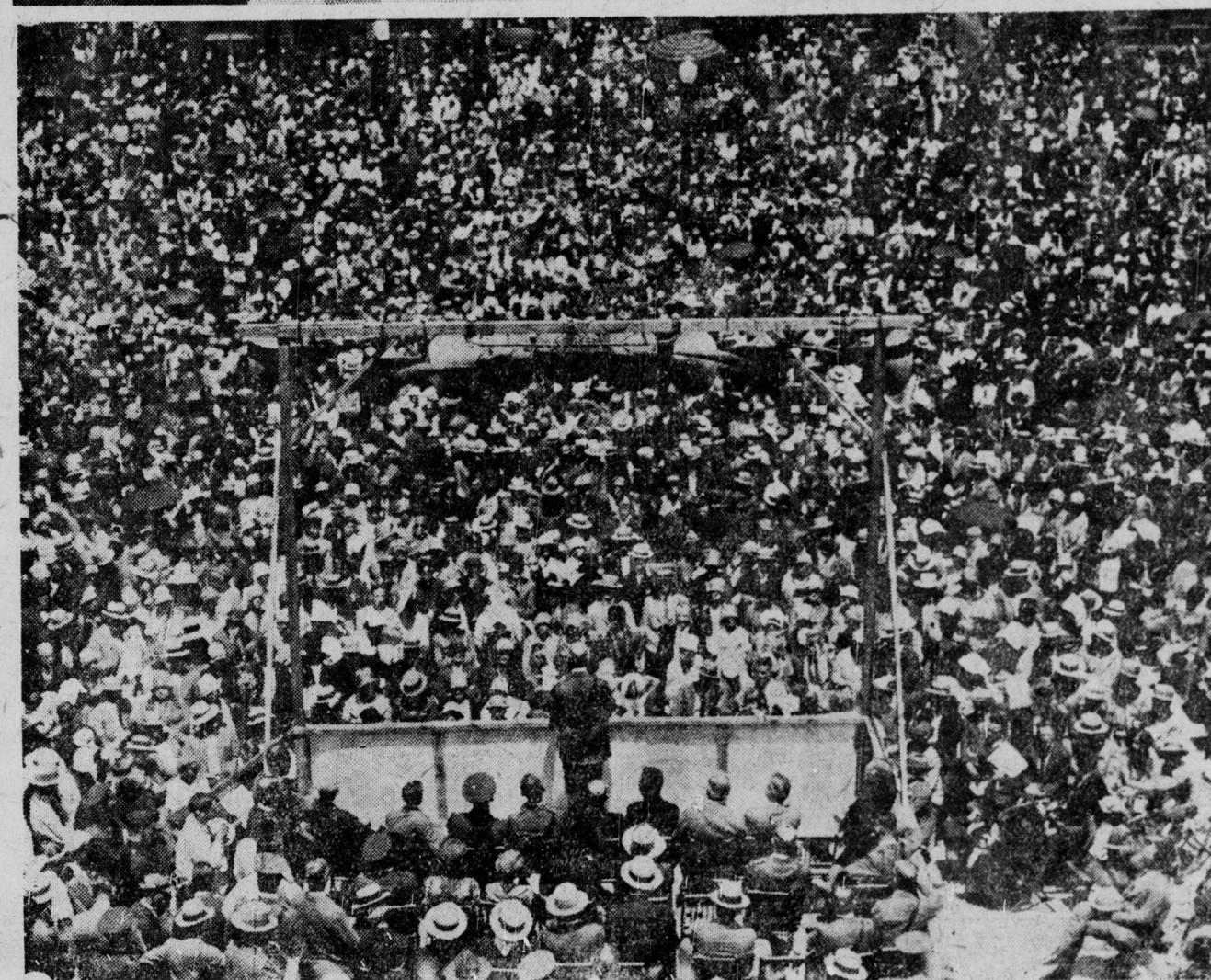
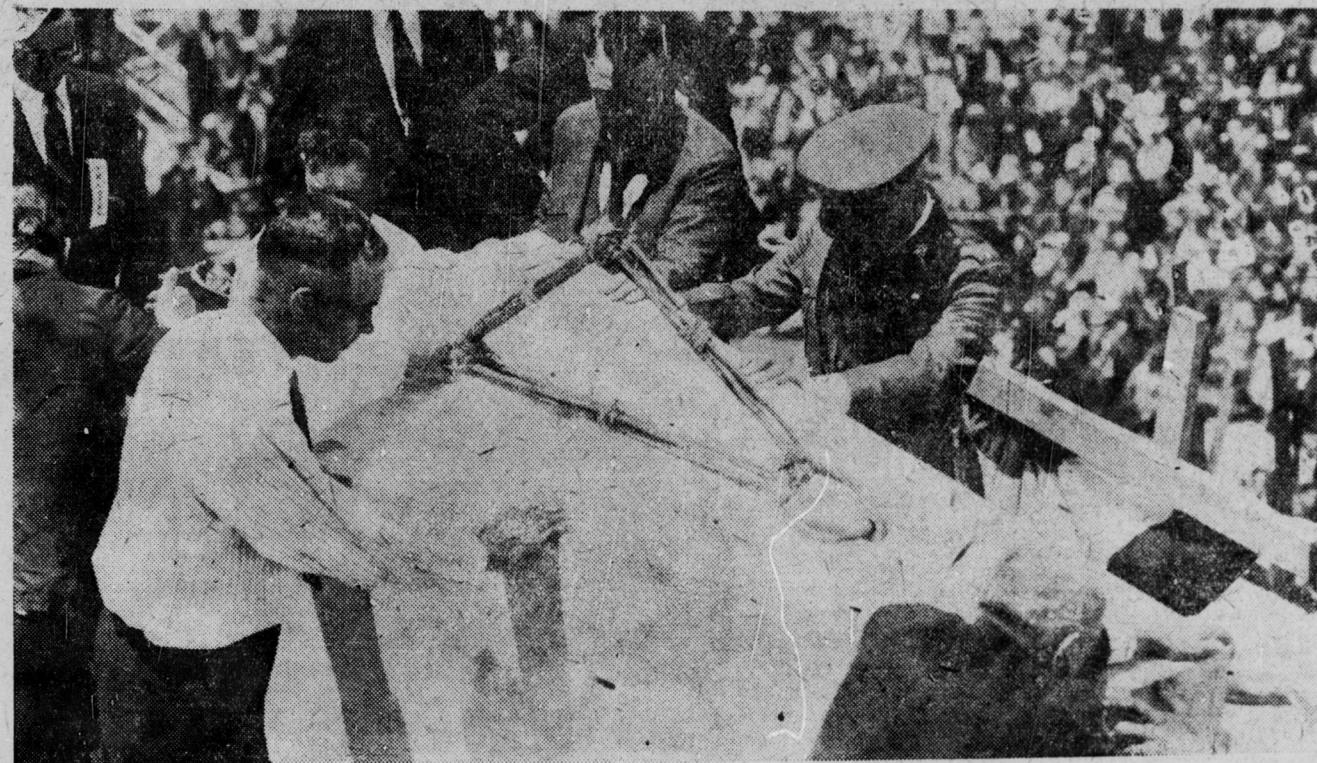
JOHN BARRYMORE
The Beloved Rogue'



Week July 10

CIRCLE

General Pershing Helps to Place Corner Stone



Above: Gen. John J. Pershing helping swing the corner stone of the World War Memorial Shrine into place at the corner stone laying ceremonies Monday. Below: Pershing delivering the dedication address and part of the crowd which heard him.

LAUDS INDIANA SPIRIT

Will Hays Says Real Hoosier Sentiment Still Exists.

Lindbergh May Refuse Medal From Congress

Modesty May Lead Airman to Unusual Step, Say Service Officers.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Charles A. Lindbergh may be the first man in history to refuse the congressional medal of honor, highest award that can be conferred by this Government.

Hays, a Hoosier politician, returned to New York late Monday, refusing to discuss Indiana politics.

"The ceremonies were both pretentious and genuine and you don't often find both. There was a swing back into the genuine old sentiment of Indiana," said Hays.

Hays expressed regret over the recent death of former United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge.

"I really am taking no active part in politics. But of course, I am tremendously interested in Coolidge."

Country Club Burns

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 5.—Defective wiring today was ascribed as the cause of a fire which late Sunday afternoon destroyed the Phoenix Country Club building of here. Loss is \$20,000, with \$10,000 insurance.

Britain Is Tons in Debt

LONDON, July 5.—Britain's debt to the United States, if paid all at once in gold, would weigh 6,700 tons.

Keep Young Hands Young

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